



'The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40 NIV

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Stephen Dunlap's Story

I can't really explain why I wanted to go to Peru in 2004. I only knew that I felt a call to be a part of the mission team. When I signed up to go, I saw it simply as a chance to get more involved in the church and at the same time to do something for someone who is a lot less fortunate than I am. After going on that trip and then supporting my wife who went on the 2005 trip, I no longer have any doubts as to why me or anyone else from Mauldin Methodist was called to be a part of the trips to Peru. It is simply because the boys in Puerto Alegria and Kawai need us to come.



Kawai team worked even harder than we did. But I believe the two trips accomplished a lot more than just building a few buildings. To me the fact that the boys at the orphanage were able to see us working hard for them and see that we enjoyed spending time with them will go a lot farther than the building we helped build ever will. . .

To me the Peru trips are about being an example to the boys we meet. I hope that when they see a bunch of gringos coming all that way just to help build a building in their camp, play a few games, sing some songs, or just spend some time with them, that they

realize there are people in this world who care about them. If they can understand this, then maybe they can understand that there is a God who cares for them and loves them more than any gringo ever can.

The above is an excerpt from Stephen Dunlap's (2007 team leader) story submitted in January 2006 before he had been approached about leading this year's team.

Peru 2007 Update

Before we left we were told about the street boys and what their lives are like and what they go through. But it wasn't until I actually went to Peru and saw a glimpse of the poverty in certain areas of the country and heard stories from the people who work with the street boys on a daily basis that I grasped what our mission trip was all about. Sure, it was about the work that we did. There is no doubt that all the concrete work, painting and sanding we did was a great help to the camp in Puerto Alegria. And the 2005

The 2007 Peru Team now has 21 members after the addition of Barbara McInerny and Katie McInerny.

Matt Richardson will be working with the Methodist Men on the golf tournament and Jan Campbell will be leading our music for

this trip. Thanks for all who have been volunteering so quickly.

Julie Sellars announced the dates for the send off service, July 15, and the prayer and communion service, July 20.



Useless Information to Brighten your day

This trip will have:

11 first timers

5 going on their 2nd trip

2 going on their 3rd trip

3 going on their 4th

Statistical note: these are just the numbers for the MUMC lead trip not mission trips in general.

Calendar of Events

Peru Meeting	March 13
Yard Sale Drop off	March 24
Joe Corbi's Deadline	March 27
Yard Sale Drop off	March 31
Mutt's Night	March 29
Joe Corbi's Delivery	April 11
Peru Meeting	April 10
Yard Sale	April 21
Individual Fundraising	
Deadline	April 30
Spaghetti Supper	May 16
Golf Tournament	May 20
Send Off Service	June 3
Prayer and	
Communion Service	July 20
Trip	July 21-30

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Fundraising Update

We are well into the Joe Corbi's Fundraiser. Each team member is trying to sell more than 11 items by March 27 with delivery of items on April 11.

In April we will have the yard sale which requires participation by everyone on the team. Drop off dates are set for March 24th and 31st which are both Saturdays. The times are from 10-12 and 12-2 both days. Trucks and people will be needed April 19 in the evening and all day April 20 to get items to the church. If you can help, please contact Jennifer Barry.

Don't forget your fundraising letters. The deadline for having raised your \$750 is April 30th

The date for the Golf Tournament has been set for May 20th and the location will be the Hejaz facility in Mauldin again this year. Matt Richardson is coordinating on behalf of the Peru Team with John MacKeil who is heading the Methodist Men part.



Scripture Union Update

In the latest Rojas Ramblings we found out Kevin did well enough on his IB exam to get into a University in Scotland. Samuel has finished primary school with flying colors and is studying French. Kathryn got the job in Scotland she interviewed for through the internet video. She will be a family worker helping families with teens. You can find out more about the group at www.bluehorizonyouth.org. Elmer has an interview with SU Scotland after they get there.

This year they worked in 38 schools, 300 classes and

40 children per class in addition to expanding the parent classes and holding three camps.

For those who may not know the Rojas family. Kathryn is a native Scotland and Elmer is Peruvian. They worked with us both years in Puerto Alegria and visited us as much as possible in Kawai. They have been great friends to many of our team members. We are sorry to see them leave, but wish them the best.

Please keep them in your prayers, especially that their house in Peru sells.



The Rojas Family

Kathryn, Sammy, Kevin, Elmer

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